GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3936
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
PURCHASE OF INSERTS
ARUN KUMAR;PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has been purchasing MCI inserts themselves from 1992 onwards which were hitherto being purchased by zonal railways;

(b) if so, the procedure adopted therefor;

(c) the number of MCI inserts purchased from 1992 so far, yearwise;

(d) whether the Railway Board has purchased the MCI inserts at high rates as has been brought out by the CAG in their Report 9 of 1999 on pages 174 onwards;

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal to get the matter enquired into for taking corrective action; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes sir

(b) The procurement has been done through open tender.

(c) 1993-95 600,00,000 Nos.
1995-99 560,00,000 Nos.
1999-2000 275,00,000 Nos.
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2001-2002 275,00,000 Nos.

(d) CAG in this report has pointed out two tender cases where according to them purchases were made at higher rates.Railway Board has put forward its point of view.

(e) & (f) Does not arise.